



*Town of Mansfield
Proclamation
Recognizing the First Church of Christ*

Whereas, the First Church of Christ in Mansfield Center, Connecticut, was founded in 1710; and

Whereas, during its long history, the church has been fortunate to have many outstanding men and women as pastors including the Reverend Eleazar Williams and the Reverend Richard Salter, the first two distinguished pastors who served successively for the first seventy-seven years of the church. There have been a total of twenty-seven pastors and nine interim pastors through the years; and

Whereas, the church has undergone many changes over the last 300 years, including name changes, location changes, reconstructions after a fire and a hurricane, and other planned alterations and redecorations; and

Whereas, through all of these changes, the First Church of Christ has remained the centerpiece of society for its parishioners who recognize the church as a place of "peace and provision," well equipped to give their families "a life abundant;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Mansfield recognizes the First Church of Christ and all of its members as they celebrate their tercentennial anniversary.

Elizabeth C. Paterson

Mayor, Town of Mansfield

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